

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

House Numbers:	House numbers should be visible day or night from the front and back. In rural areas, name and number should be displayed on the mailbox. This is important for the police officer or EMS unit responding to a complaint at your home. Be conscious of Louisville Metro Ordinance § 156.053 .
Property Identification:	Engrave all valuable property with a readily identifiable name or number of your choosing, starting with KY . Take recorded pictures of all valuables in your home and record all serial numbers. Keep this information in a safe place (other than at home), such as in a safe deposit box, or with a friend or relative.
Neighborhood Watch Program:	If your neighborhood does not currently have a neighborhood watch program, please contact your local police division and ask for a District Resource Officer. They would be eager to assist you.
Locks and Keys:	An unlocked lock is not a lock! Habitually locking your home, closing and locking garage doors when away or at night is something everyone needs to do, even when working in the yard. You should re-key door locks whenever you move into an apartment or house. Re-keying locks is relatively inexpensive. Hiding a key outside your house is NOT a good idea and should always be avoided.
Shrubbery:	Are the doors and windows of you house hidden by shrubbery? If so, trim the shrubs so the burglar is denied the opportunity to hide behind them.
Lighting:	External security lighting is important, as well as interior lights. Exclusive use of lighting when the home is unoccupied might actually tip off the burglar. It is smart to use interior lights on a timer whenever you are going to be away from home at night. Motion detectors or dusk-to-dawn lights may be considered. Leaving a radio or TV on may give the appearance someone is home.
Admitting Strangers:	Do NOT let a stranger into your home until you are satisfied that you know who they are and what the purpose of their visit is. Identification of salespeople, public utilities workers, repairmen, plainclothes police officers, and stranded strangers should always be required before opening the door. A wide-angle view (190 degrees) door viewer is an absolute must if visibility of callers is not possible. Partially opening the door with a door chain should be discouraged.
Vacation Plans:	Make planning your security a part of your vacation plans. Secure your home and leave some lights on a timer. Leave a key with a trusted neighbor. Make arrangements to have your lawn mowed. Stop mail and newspaper delivery. Contact the police department and ask for a house watch. Ask a neighbor to park their car in your drive while you are gone.
Smoke Detector:	Make sure that your smoke detector is working properly. Check the batteries regularly.
Burglar Alarms:	Alarms are an excellent tool for protecting your home, but they need to be serviced and tested periodically. Learn about the LMPD Alarm Program. Be conscious of Louisville Metro False Alarm Ordinance § 127.14
Firearms:	If you keep a firearm in your home, please store and handle it properly. Never leave a loaded firearm where a child can find it. Use a trigger lock to prevent a tragedy.



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Neighborhood News

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Madonna's Thoughts



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It seems like yesterday we were all getting ready for the flowers to bloom and the leaves to turn green on the trees. Now we find ourselves raking leaves and preparing our flower beds for winters' slumber. We are getting ready for the Holiday Season. This is a good time to also take a look at safety tips for our homes, as well as, ourselves. Inside this newsletter we hope you find all sorts of useful information that will help keep you, your family, and your property safe.

Did you know that there is a 30 foot vision triangle that is to be maintained at intersections and driveways? This is to assist drivers, not only to see oncoming traffic, but also pedestrians they may encounter while attempting to access the roadway. Take a look around your property and see if you have bushes or shrubs that could be blocking someone's field of vision. Also, branches from the trees that creep over sidewalks and roadways need to be trimmed back so they do not come in contact with someone or their vehicle.

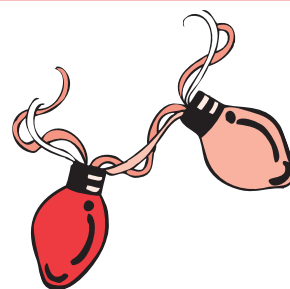
Each year, our office sponsors a Stranger Danger program at each school in our district that wishes to participate. The program is age appropriate and gives great information to each age group. Ask your children or grandchildren if they have been to a Stranger Danger program at school

Stranger Danger doesn't just apply to children. If someone shows up at your door unexpectedly, you are not obligated to let them in. Remember, LG&E, MSD, the Louisville Water Company and other service companies will not come to your home unless you call them or there is an emergency.

All of these companies required employees to have identification. Always ask for an I.D. even when you call for service; never assume because someone knocks, it is a legitimate service employee. If you are still uncomfortable, shut the door and lock it and call the company and ask if they have someone in your area due to a problem. Follow your gut feeling, it is usually right!

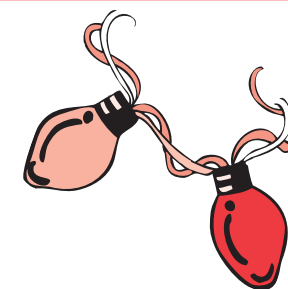
On another note, my Legislative Aide, Andrea Crider Derouen, and I would like to wish all of you and yours a Safe and Happy Holiday Season and a very warm and cozy winter!

*Madonna
and Andrea*



Light Up Okolona!

November 16, 2012 5:45 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Lone Oak Park
(Corner of Preston Highway and Outer Loop)



Join Councilwoman Madonna Flood and Okolona Business and Professional Association President Jerry Hoganson in greeting Santa Claus for the start of the Holiday Season at Light Up Okolona!

The Festivities will get started at 5:45 p.m. with the Southern High School Concert Band setting the holiday mood before Dancers from Stepping Out Dance Studio and Blue Lick Elementary school children perform old favorites. The most anticipated guest (Santa) makes his arrival around 6:30 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate the beginning of the holidays.

Louisville Metro Police Department, District 7, Okolona Fire Department, Councilwoman Vicki Aubrey Welch, White Castle and Golden Corral are participating in the festivities.

For more information, call 574-1124.



Report

**Complaints,
problems or just have
a question**

**METRO CALL
Dial 311
(or call 574-5000)**

**Operators are standing
by 24 hours/7 days a
week**

**or email at
metrocall@louisvilleky.gov**

**To report litter or illegal
dumping call Metro Call at
311 or 574-5000.**



Welcome Major Sullivan

On September 21, 2012, Chief Steve Conrad assigned, Michael Sullivan, to the Louisville Metro Police Department's 7th Division. He is the newly appointed Commander. Sullivan has 18 years' experience with the Louisville Division of Police and the Louisville Metro Police Department. His previous assignments include working in the Chief's Office, Special Investigations Division, Narcotics/Intelligence Division, 1st Division, 6th Division, 2nd District, 5th District, 6th District, David District, and the Street Crimes Unit.



Sullivan holds a Bachelor's Degree in Police Administration and a Master's Degree in the Administration of Justice from the University of Louisville. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officers Course and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy.

In 2011, he was selected to attend the Target/International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Law Enforcement Business Fellowship. The Fellowship exposed him to the business practices of a Fortune 50 company and how their business practices can be translated into the public sector.

"The Louisville Metro Police Department is dedicated to serving the community while we endeavor to prevent and reduce crime, said Sullivan. "We can only complete our mission with the help of the entire community. Through continued collaboration we will face the challenges together as we strive the make Louisville the safest city in America."

You may reach Major Sullivan at the 7th District by calling 574-2133 or by emailing michael.sullivan@louisvilleky.gov.

Tis the Season of Giving Blood

The American Red Cross reminds us that blood donations are scarce and that blood shortages often occur during the holiday season, but patients cannot take a holiday from sickness or injury. Please consider donating blood this holiday season at the 35th Annual Donorama Holiday Blood Drive. Red Cross staff, volunteers, local celebrities, entertainers, and sponsoring businesses will gather once again to throw a year-end celebration to help keep hospitals stocked with blood products during the holidays.

**Donorama Blood Drive
Thursday, December 27th and Friday, December 28th
12:00pm to 7:00pm
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 830 Phillips Lane**

Donorama visitors will also enjoy a hot meal prepared by professional chefs, free musical and roving entertainment, parking, and child care. For more information on Donorama, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733- 2767) or visit redcrossblood.org.



Safety Tips that are a Breath of Fresh Air

The chill is in the air (or it's about to be), so here are some important safety tips related to heating your home. Each year accidents occur as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, tasteless and highly poisonous gas which can build up in enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces. It is found in combustion fumes, such as those produced by natural gas appliances and heating systems, and it can be difficult to detect.

Follow these important guidelines to prevent the buildup of carbon monoxide in your home:

- ❖ Never use a charcoal or gas stove to heat your home.
- ❖ When using a generator, ensure that it is properly ventilated. It should never be operated indoors, not even in your garage.
- ❖ All non-electric heaters must have sufficient ventilation to remove exhaust fumes, gases and smoke.
- ❖ Only use indoor heaters, fireplaces and wood-burning stoves when someone is awake to watch for fire or other problems such as smoke or fumes. Never leave them on or burning while you are sleeping.

Be aware of the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, which include weakness and fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea or vomiting, headaches, confusion, impaired vision and loss of consciousness. And for extra safety, install a carbon monoxide detector in your home.



Happenings Around District 24



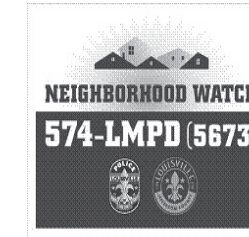
Madonna and School Board Member Linda Duncan judge the Southern High School Homecoming Chili Contest.



Madonna and her grandson, Christian, get ready for the Southern Homecoming Parade.



Taking care of our furry friends at the Okolona Library.



Start a BLOCK WATCH!

Make your neighborhood your OWN again!

The Louisville Metro Police Department Neighborhood Watch Program is an active partnership between the Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) and area residents to increase community awareness and crime prevention.

The Neighborhood Watch Program is a vital network that provides each resident with the knowledge and resources to fight crime. This is done by some of the following methods:

- **Home Security** – making homes more secure.
- **Property Identification** – marking personal property so it can be easily identified.
- **Public Safety** – learning various safety techniques to reduce the risk of being victimized in public areas.
- **Neighborhood Awareness** – recognizing suspicious activities and how to report them.
- **Know Your Neighbors** - know each other and their routines so that any unusual activity can be reported and investigated.
- **Partnership with Police** – Working with the police to address neighborhood concerns and issues.
- **574-LMPD Tip Line** – Taking active involvement in solving the crimes and concerns in our community. The 574-LMPD Tip Line is a great tool for citizens to provide information that can directly assist in creating a healthy community.
- **MetroWatch** – an online crime mapping tool that allows one to view the types of crime that have occurred in a neighborhood. <http://www.louisvilleky.gov/metropolice/>

What is Neighborhood Watch? Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program. It is an active partnership between the Louisville Metro Police Department and area residents to reduce the incidence of fear and crime in their neighborhoods. Neighborhood Watch uses citizen involvement to secure their homes and personal property and report any suspicious activity to the police. This crime prevention and education program increases community awareness so the citizen knows what to look for and how to report it.

Is the interest there? As a citizen interested in starting a Watch for your street, talk to your neighbors to determine if they are interested in participating in Neighborhood Watch and helping get it started.

Schedule a Meeting. These are things to consider before scheduling a meeting. Who will you invite? You must give your Resource Officer a 3 to 4 week notice for any meeting to make sure he/she is available. Contact Councilwoman Madonna Flood's office and we will put you in contact with your Resource Officer. Once you have the date, time and place with Councilwoman Flood and your Resource Officer, notify your neighbors at least 2 weeks in advance of the meeting.